



State of California
Governor's Office of Emergency Services

**2008 Summer Fires – Statewide Situation Report
July 16, 2008 – Evening Report**

Please note: The following information is a comprehensive snapshot of the most significant fire activity throughout California. This data is collected from various federal, state and local agencies. Every effort is taken to ensure the accuracy of the information, however due to changing conditions this data may become outdated relatively quickly. Additional information about a specific incident should be obtained from the agency, or agencies, responsible for fire suppression activities.

Total Fires Complexes	19
Total Acres Burned	879,152
Structures threatened (all)	8,857
Structures destroyed (all)	240
Total number of personnel committed	18,730
Fire engines	1,175
Hand crews	448
Dozers	204
Water tenders	334
Aircraft	112

Statewide Fire Update

There are 1,005 State Responsibility Areas Fires, 994 are contained, and 11 fires remain active. 98% of fires in State Responsibility Area are contained.

There are 1,080 Federal Responsibility Area Fires, 1,010 are contained, and 70 fires remain active. 93% of fires Federal Responsibility Area are contained.

Total State and Federal California Fires: 2,085

Total Contained: 2,004

Total Active Fires: 70

96% of Fires in California Contained

* Please note total combined active, state and federal responsibility sums may not add up due to multiple fires merging.

There are currently **19** fire complexes that are actively threatening life and property.

The State Operations Center (SOC) and OES Inland Region Operations Center are activated. OES Southern and Coastal Regions are activated at duty officer level. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is active in the State Operations Center.

Declarations of Emergency:

Gubernatorial: Butte, Trinity, Shasta, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Monterey, Mendocino, Santa Cruz, Plumas, Kern and Mariposa.

Presidential: Butte, Trinity, Shasta, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Monterey, Mendocino, Santa Cruz, Plumas, Kern and Mariposa.

On July 9, 2008 President Bush expanded the Emergency Declaration for the State of California, which triggered the release of Federal funds to help communities recover from wildfires occurring since June 20, 2008. FEMA is now authorized to provide emergency protective measures, (**Category B**), for a period of up to 60 days beginning on June 20, 2008, and ending on August 20, 2008, or the close of the incident period, whichever occurs first.

Per the National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC), 40 states have provided assets or personnel to assist California with fire fighting operations since the fires began on June 20, 2008.

Military and Out-of-State Resources:

National Guard & Air Force Reserve resources tasked to support firefighting activity include **30** air assets.

Activated Type 1 helicopters: (18 total)

Type 1 helicopters have water dropping capability.

- 5 UH 60 – California National Guard (Firehawk)
- 2 HH 60 – California Air National Guard
- 2 UH 60 – Arizona National Guard
- 1 UH 60 – North Dakota National Guard
- 1 UH 60 – Nebraska National Guard
- 1 UH 60 – New Mexico National Guard
- 1 UH 60 – Utah National Guard
- 1 UH 60 – Idaho National Guard
- 1 CH 47 – Oregon National Guard
- 1 CH 47 – California National Guard
- 1 CH 47 – Nebraska National Guard
- 1 CH 47 – Nevada National Guard

Activated Type 3 helicopters: (3 total)

Type 3 helicopters are smaller helicopters used for reconnaissance (imagery).

- 3 OH 58 – California National Guard

Imagery (infrared) and Reconnaissance: (1 total)

- 1 RC 26 – California National Guard

MAFFS (Federal Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System): (8 total)

- 3 MAFFS – US Airforce Reserve out of Colorado Springs
- 3 MAFFS – North Carolina Guard
- 2 MAFFS – Wyoming Guard

The California National Guard has **1,342** Guardsmen on state status supporting the fires.

National Guard Air Assets have been provided by **9** states: California, Arizona, North Dakota, Nebraska, New Mexico, Utah, Idaho, Oregon, and Nevada.

Federal Military Support - 8 rotary wing aircraft total

- All Title 10, USMC and USN Helicopters have been released.
- United States Marine Corps: **4** CH-46 helicopters and **2** CH-53 helicopters
- United States Navy: **2** MH-60 helicopters
- United States Air Force Reserve: **3** MAFFS (Colorado) – included in Fixed Wing Aircraft Total above.

California has activated the Military Resource Advisory Group to synchronize and coordinate military resources from all branches and components.

Federal, State and Local Resources from **40** States have assisted California with personnel and equipment since June 20, 2008 (*we have also received resources from the District of Columbia*).

International Resources in Support of Fire Events

According to the US Forest Service on July 14, 2008 the Australian and New Zealand fire support teams arrived in Boise, Idaho and will travel to the Northern California Fire Operations. The fire support personnel from Greece are also arriving in Los Angeles on July 14, 2008 and will travel to the Southern California Fire Operations. On July 10, 2008 Canadian resources arrived in support of the fire events. Additional resources from Mexico have been canceled.

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

NASA is providing the *Ikhana Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV)* in support of the California fires. *Ikhana* is a Predator B modified to perform multiple civil research roles and capable of collecting data for up to 30 hours. On July 8, 2008 the *Ikhana* flew on a 10-hour mission over the most active California wildfires to collect data in both northern and southern California. Another *Ikhana AMS-Wildfire Imaging Mission* is scheduled to fly over the active fires on July 17, 2008.

BTU LIGHTNING COMPLEX, BUTTE COUNTY:

This fire is **54,300 acres and 80% contained**. 0 residences and 0 outbuildings are threatened. 50 residences destroyed and 10 outbuildings destroyed.

Shelters:

- * The Neighborhood Church located at 2801 Notre Dame Blvd in Chico has the capacity of 120 and currently has 8 evacuees.
- * Las Plumas High School/Located at 2380 Las Plumas Avenue, Oroville has the capacity of 120 and currently has 63 evacuees.
- * Yolo Hall at California University, Chico has the capacity of 119 and currently has 30 evacuees.
- * Butte College is being utilized as a special needs shelter. It has the capacity of 50 and currently has 25 evacuees.

Animal Shelters:

- * Las Plumas High School/Located at 2380 Las Plumas Avenue, Oroville currently has 225 animals.
- * Chico State Farm, 311 Nicholas C. Schouten Lane (for large animals) currently have 84 animals.
- * The Neighborhood Church located at 2801 Notre Dame Blvd in Chico currently has 31 animals.

The town of Paradise has established the following public assembling points for residents to receive additional information on shelter locations:

Tall Pine Entertainment Center, located at 5445 Clark Road., Paradise

CMA (Alliance Church), located at 6491 Clark Road, Paradise

BASIN COMPLEX FIRE, MONTEREY COUNTY:

The Basin Complex has multiple fires at 122,080 acres and is 61% contained. There are 1400 residences, 0 commercial buildings and 0 outbuildings threatened along with Big Sur. There is 5 residence and 4 outbuilding damaged, 27 residences and 34 outbuildings have been destroyed.

Shelter/Evacuation Center: The American Red Cross Evacuation Center at Carmel Valley Middle School, located at 4380 Carmel Valley Road.

CSU Monterey Bay, can be ready to run as a shelter within 4 hours.

MEU LIGHTNING COMPLEX, MENDOCINO COUNTY:

This complex consists of 3 fires; Navarro, Jack Smith and Batch near the Rancho Navarro subdivision in Mendocino County. This fire is at 53,300 acres and is 95% contained. There are 0 residences threatened; 1 residence and 1 outbuilding have been destroyed.

AMERICAN RIVER COMPLEX, PLACER COUNTY:

This fire is at 18,799 acres and is 50% contained. There are 3 residences, 1 commercial property and 5 outbuildings threatened; 2 residences have been destroyed.

YUBA COMPLEX, YUBA/NEVADA/SIERRA COUNTIES:

This fire is at 4,254 acres and is 100% contained. There are 0 residences, 0 commercial property and 0 outbuildings threatened.

PIUTE FIRE, KERN COUNTY

This fire is 37,026 acres and is 80% contained. There are 1100 residences, 32 commercial and 300 outbuilding threatened. There is 6 residence and 45 outbuildings destroyed.

IRON and ALPS CCOMPLEXES, TRINITY COUNTY:

The complex is 45,857 acres and is 46% contained. Structures threatened include 477 homes, 50 commercial buildings and 650 outbuildings. 1 outbuilding destroyed.

LIME COMPLEX FIRE, TRINITY COUNTY:

A number of fires are located in remote areas with steep terrain, and little, or no access.

The fire is currently at 80,469 acres and is 60% contained. Structures threatened include 1,530 homes, 25 commercial buildings and 309 outbuildings; 1 commercial property and 1 outbuilding have been destroyed.

Shelters:

* Hyampom Community Center, Coral Bottom Road, Hyampom – unknown number of people. Note: this is a staging area. Some residents have chosen to stay here despite the fire threat. They are being supported by the local fire department. Red Cross will not establish a shelter area because of the fire threat.

* Weaverville Elementary School (Red Cross) remains on standby status.

* Hayfork Elementary School shelter was placed on standby status.

* Shelters Open – 0

* Shelter Population – 0

Animal Shelters:

* Trinity County Animal Control is coordinating the large animals being housed at the Hayfork Fair Grounds. Small domestic animals are still being housed at the Trinity Animal Shelter in Weaverville, The Weaverville Pet Motel, or private animal hospitals in Weaverville and Lewiston.

SHU LIGHTNING COMPLEX, SHASTA AND TRINITY COUNTIES

This fire is located in Shasta and Trinity Counties. The **fire is 81,115 acres and is 55% contained.** 70 residences, 0 commercial and 0 outbuildings threatened. 2 residents, 0 commercial and 1 outbuilding damaged. 5 residences, 0 commercial and 15 outbuildings destroyed.

CANYON COMPLEX, PLUMAS COUNTY:

The fire is 31,878 acres and is 60% contained. There are 1500 residences, 15 commercial buildings and 850 outbuilding threatened. 1 resident and 2 out buildings destroyed.

SISKIYOU COMPLEX, SISKIYOU COUNTY:

The fire is 39,580 acres and is 18% contained. There are 25 residences, 1 commercial buildings and 47 outbuilding threatened.

HELLS HALF COMPLEX, HUMBOLDT/TRINITY COUNTY:

The fire is 10,039 acres and is 30% contained. There are 56 residences, 3 commercial buildings and 38 outbuildings threatened. 1 resident has been destroyed.

SODA COMPLEX, LAKE COUNTY:

This fire is at 8,317 acres and is 69% contained. There are 2 residences, 0 commercial buildings and 2 outbuildings threatened. There have been 2 residences and 2 outbuildings destroyed.

CLOVER FIRE, TULARE/INYO COUNTIES:

This fire is at 15,300 acres and is 90% contained. There are 0 residences, 0 commercial buildings and 0 outbuildings threatened.

CUB COMPLEX, LASSEN COUNTY:

This fire is 18,200 acres and is 78% contained. There are 180 residences, 0 commercial buildings and 3 outbuildings threatened.

GAP FIRE, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY:

This fire is 9,443 acres and is 90% contained. There are 85 residences, 0 commercial buildings and 60 outbuildings threatened. 4 outbuildings have been destroyed.

BLUE 2:

This fire is 3,895 acres and is 16% contained. There are 0 residences and 0 outbuildings threatened.

UKONOM COMPLEX:

This fire is at 22,726 acres and is 22% contained. There are 30 residences, 6 outbuildings and 2 commercial buildings threatened.

BEAR WALLOW COMPLEX:

This fire is at 2,036 acres and is 0% contained. There are 0 residences and 0 outbuildings threatened.